

Dayton, Oregon
Tuesday afternoon

Dear Vicki and Jim,

I can see that I'm going to have fun typing a letter on our new machine at the office! It's an Olivetti and is quite different-things have moved all around!

Surely enjoyed hearing from you and should have called or written sooner but the flesh is weak- I'm not working more than six hours a day now but Dad is home, of course, and I find more to do there! He came home on the 14th-have we talked since then? He missed all our below freezing weather but had plenty of it back there-Grandpa is just fine now and staying at home by himself just as before! He probably will be going out for one meal a day -at least dad tried to convince him that was the thing to do! He got to feeling so well that he may not take anyone's suggestions-feeling himself master of his own fate and fully capable but just the same he won't eat right there alone, I feel-Rodger was there when dad talked to him on Sunday.

Jackie is the one we are a little concerned about now- She discovered a lump on her breast and went to her doctor - He had her come in for surgery to do a biopsy-He found it to be an abcess with cancerous cells -so they did a mastectomy on that side and think they found it in time to have gotten all the malignant cells-however, she will have some radiation treatments just to be sure. She's home from the hospital now and you might write her a little note or send a card one of these days-

Jerry called Sunday night-He's still working quite a bit of overtime but says he's having to work in the stockroom all the time now because they're snowed under and he doesn't care too much for it-so I told him to just do it anyway and surely they would get caught up and he could go back to the shipping department at least part time-He said the weather was nice and that his friend that he lives with will be going to Okinawa (I think) the last of May-

Ken and Debbie and the Conways and dad and I had dinner with Francie Sunday-she entertained all of us before she takes off on her trip to Fort Worth and southern California. She leaves Portland a week from today and will stay a couple of weeks maybe with Edna and then with Louise in their new place for a few days and then go to Desert Hot Springs to stay with Ted-Betty is there too now but will come home the first of March and he wants to stay on through March and so asked Frances to stay on with him until he could drive her home the end of March.

Boy, I surely used up this first page, didn't I!!

How did your party turn out? Did the teachers and the scientists get along well together?? I'm sure they did-Have you begun to have nice weather yet? We have a friend who has been working in Roanoke for about three weeks and he says they have had several days of at least 70° weather already! He's coming back here to work again next week and will notice the difference-Is it dark as pitch there when you leave for school? I come to work at 7:00 and it stays dark until nearly 9:00! The little kiddies walk past the office in the dark-I saw on the news last night that a measure was going to be introduced to back track on daylight saving all year round! Seems we surely do jump into things without weighing the full consequences!! Our schools here set classes back 10 minutes! I can't imagine whatever for-that small amount of time wouldn't make any difference at all-

Saw on the news at noon that Richard has been ordered to appear to testify at the trials of some fellas being tried for the breakin of Ellsberg's psychiatrists office! Do you suppose he will?? What a mess- One gets to the place that nothing surprises you anymore- it all seems like some piece of fiction you are reading instead of what is really happening!

It's beginning to feel like spring is stirring slightly here-the daffodils and hyacinths are poking their heads up quite a ways and the flowering plum has tiny buds already-and it just feels like winter has passed on through with better things ahead- I really sort of liked the cold weather we had-the sun was so bright every day and after the wind quite blowing it didn't seem that cold at all-the poor daphne shrub really took a beating again this winter though! I think I'll have to buy another one-I can't imagine spring without it's fragrance!

The Imlahs and Howards left for Palm Springs last Friday- She probably wrote you that they were going-And some other people are spending a couple of weeks in Hawaii-that's where I'd like to go again some time-Well, I guess I should sign off and get to work-I'm working alone this afternoon-Ned had to go to a meeting in Portland-How is school coming along? I'm glad it seems to be "growing on you", dear-Are you and Jim finding much time for bridge this winter? We're still quite interested in square dancing, as you might suspect-Take care of each other and write when you can-we love hearing from you! Ken said he was going to write you-

Lots of love,

Mom + dad